*Early German Talks*

# Russians Put Out Feelers

LONDON (UPI) — The Soviet Union has put out fresh diplomatic feelers for an early East-West four-power meeting on Berlin.

Diplomatic sources said the new Soviet initiative was launched during the past 48 hou rsin behind-the-scenes diplomatic moves in Moscow and London.

The moves—carried out with unusual lack of publicity—appeared calculated to undermine the talks between Secretary of State Dulles and European leaders in London, Paris and Bonn starting today.

**MAY DEADLINE**

The Russians were reported opposing a delay of cold war talks on Berlin until May. Moscow had set May 27 as the deadline for turning over East Berlin and the control of Allied traffic to West Berlin to the East German regime.

IN Moscow, it was disclosed that Premier Khrushchev had taken time off from the 21st Communist party congress for a personal talk with West German Ambassador Hans Kroll.

**SOVIET REQUEST**

The surprise two-hour talk was understood to have been held at Soviet request. It was assumed that the entire range of the German problem, including Berlin, was discussed.

In a parallel move in London, the Russian ambassador made a surprise call on British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd for what officially was termed "a talk on current problems."

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## *Dulles Off To Europe*

WASHINGTON (CP) — State Secretary Dulles flew to Europe Tuesday to try to arrange a Big Four meeting with Russia on Germany.

## Fire-Hit Family Needs Help

Still in desperate straits following Sunday fire which left them homeless is six-member McQueen family. James Bay Community Club has started fund and donations are now coming in but more is needed. Offers are being accepted at 224 Dallas, EV 2-2333. Fire at rented house, 422 Parry, destroyed all family's belongings including clothing and furniture. Pictured are Heather, 5, Mrs. Doreen McQueen and Bambi, 16 months. Still recovering from burns in hospital are Donnie, 2, and Kim, 3. Father, Donald McQueen, is unemployed painter. —(Colonist photo.)

*Soviet Army Chief Warns:*

# West A-Weapons Made Obsolete By Red Rockets

MOSCOW (AP) — Marshal Rodion Malinovsky Tuesday declared the West's nuclear weapons are outdated by long-range sharpshooting Soviet ballistic missiles that no anti-aircraft defence can stop.

"Your arms are too short, gentlemen," the Soviet defence minister warned the Western powers in a speech before the 21st congress of the Soviet Communist party.

The West wants to unleash war with nuclear weapons, he asserted, "but this is an outdated means."

"We have more perfected weapons, ballistic rockets—long, middle and close range—that can carry their hydrogen charges to any point on earth . . . to the very point, for they are very accurate."

In Washington, Defence Secretary Neil McElroy and Gen. Nathan Twining, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, said they did not believe the claim to pinpoint accuracy. McElroy said he was not perturbed by Malinovsky's speech, adding: "It seems to me like a normal kind of statement in a war of nerves . . . "

"It is written very frequently overseas that the U.S. Navy is capable of landing troops at any point on our coast.

"It appears to me that it would be a good thing for those overseas to give a thought about the vulnerability of their own coast.

"If war is imposed on the U.S.S.R., the rocket weapons will constitute the fighting force, capable of accomplishing the most important tasks in the air, on land and sea . . . "

**TOUR IN NORWAY**

Norway had about 1,100,000 foreign visitors in 1958, an increase of 10 per cent over 1957.

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# *U.S. Closing Missile Gap*

WASHINGTON (AP)—By December the United States will have roughly as many intercontinental ballistic missiles as the Russians, Defence Secretary Neil McElroy said Tuesday.

He told this to the House armed services committee, some of whose members have voiced concern that Russia may be pulling away in the missiles race.

McElroy said the U.S. will have a few ICBMs by July "and a few more by December, 1959, which will be within a few miles one way or the other of what we would expect of the Russians at the same time."

McElroy later told reporters he was speaking of missiles ready to be used as combat weapons, not test rockets. He previously said a missile squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base, in California, will be partially equipped with the long-range Atlas ICBMs this summer.

*Obituaries*

# Funeral Services Today For Carlotta Petrie

Funeral services for Mrs. Carlotta Joan Petrie, 54, wife of Dominion Astrophysical Observatory director Dr. R. M. Petrie, will be held today at 10.30 a.m. at Haywards, and will be followed by cremation.

Mrs. Petrie died Sunday at her home on Little Saanich Mountain.

Surviving besides the husband are a daughter, Patricia, 19, and a son, Robert, 16, both at home; her father, Dr. Torrence W. Hallett, Paoli, Ind.; and two sisters, also in the United States.

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### *W. E. Parker*

Funeral services were held Saturday for William Ernest Parker, 76, Lagoon Road, a resident of Colwood for the last 40 years, who died Thursday.

For more than 30 years he was a member of the Canadian Legion, Britannia branch, No. 7, Victoria.

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### *Gilbert Hatcher*

Gilbert Temple Hatcher, 45, director of the provincial government's bureau of economics and statistics for nearly a dozen years, died last night in Royal Jubilee Hospital.

He was born in Blackie, Alta., on Dec. 24, 1913, and lived in Victoria for the past 17 years.

Surviving are his widow, Betty, two daughters, Terry and Wendy, all at home, at 3495 Aloha Road; his sister, Mrs. W. E. (Peggy) Hockley, and his father, J. T. Hatcher, both of Vancouver.

McCall's will handle funeral arrangements.

# Canadian Sovereignty Infringed, Says Fulton

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada and the United States are still at odds in their views on an American anti-trust suit involving Canadian companies, Justice Minister Fulton said Tuesday.

There is a "wide divergence" between the two governments as to what constitutes an infringement of sovereignty and as to the the effect court decrees in one country have in the other, he added.

"Until there is a satisfactory reconciliation of views on these points there can be no guarantee that causes for complaint will not arise again," the minister said in the Commons in reporting on his recent Washington meeting with U.S. Attorney-General William Rogers.

However, it had been agreed there would be prior consultation between the two governments on such issues and Mr. Fulton considered this a worthwhile accomplishment.

The anti-trust suit alleges that the defendants, operating through Canadian subsidiaries, engaged with co-conspirators in restraint of trade between Canada and the U.S. in radio and television receiving sets.

The minister said he made it clear to Mr. Rogers that the U.S. suit, insofar as it concerns Canadian companies, can only be regarded as an infringement of Canadian sovereignty.

"I further stated that it is our view that in matters of this sort the ultimate decision as to what is done in Canada must be the responsibility of the Canadian government," Mr. Fulton aded.

Any other course could only be based on the "unacceptable proposition that foreign subsidiaries of U.S. parent companies are merely projections of U.S. trade and commerce and subject to U.S. policy in priority to the laws and commercial interests of the countries in which such subsidiaries are incorporated and carry on business."

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## *Seaway 'Slipshod'*

OTTAWA (CP) — The government may be asked to initiate an investigation by the Commons public accounts committee into workmanship on some piers, locks and bridge abutments along the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Harold Winch (CCF-Vancouver East) said in an interview Tuesday he may suggest the inquiry after he gets replies from the government to a series of questions about seaway work.

He said that engineers have given him information and he has seen photographs of cracks and apparent slipshod construction.

His questions on the Commons order paper seek information on whether piers and abutments on the Cornwall Island high level bridge shifted after being built, whether repairs were made, construction costs, repair costs and whether the bridge is safe for traffic.

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## High-Level Talks Sought

OTTAWA (UPI) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker has confirmed that Canada has been negotiating with Britain for a meeting of Commonwealth prime ministers.

Diefenbaker, denied, however, a London report that June or July was a possible month for a meeting.

The prime minister was questioned in Commons by Opposition Leader Lester Pearson.

### Allen President Of Building Concil

Earl Allen, 36, president of the Victoria Laborers' Union, has been voted head of the Vancouver Island Building Trades Council, the first laborers' representative to hold the position. He replaces carpenters' nominee James Moffat.

### Art Gallery Presented Painting by American

A modern painting, "Forest Night," by Herbert Macdonald of New Jersey, has been given to the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria by the Childe Hassam Fund of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.


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